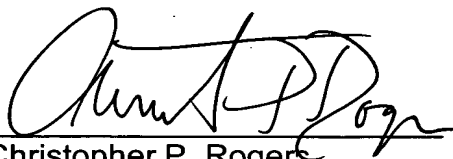


REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action and request that they be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully contend that the application is in condition for allowance and requests the same. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should there be any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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